



St. Lawrence's Parish - Coonabarabran

"There is one very near you who knocks at your door every hour of the day, who begs you to listen to Him and keep silence.... In order to hear him" - St. Lawrence O'Toole

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34

Reflection from "Break Open the Word" -
Liturgy Brisbane. One of the

features of Mark's writing is his habit of enclosing a story within a story. We saw this a few Sundays ago when he incorporated the cure of the woman with the haemorrhage into the story of Jairus' daughter. Last Sunday we read of the mission of the Twelve, and today we'll pick up from their return. In between these two passages Mark inserts the story of the beheading of John the Baptist, but this has been omitted from the cycle of Sunday readings even though it is also recorded by Matthew.

Today's passage about the return of the apostles, their being taken aside by Jesus, the arrival of the crowd, and Jesus' taking pity on the people rounds off the mission episode and prepares the way for the feeding story. The final verse serves as the springboard for what follows. The people were

"like sheep without a shepherd" so Jesus "began to teach them many things".

It's striking that he feeds the crowd first with his teaching and only later with the loaves and fish. By way of contrast, in John's gospel from which we will read over the next five Sundays, Jesus feeds the people first with the loaves and fish, then responds to their questioning by teaching them at length about the bread of life. We will hear the whole of this discourse through the coming weeks.

Mary Coloe PBVM.....

The Gospel today is the one I recommend to all teachers as the basis for their own spirituality. Look carefully at what Jesus feels and what he does. We are told, 'He had compassion for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd'. In my years as a secondary teacher I often felt this way about my students. Underneath the brash ways of teenagers, can lie a deep sense of being lost, of being vulnerable, of being overwhelmed by the complex life they now find themselves part of and contributing to. They are 'like sheep without a shepherd', leaderless. What adult would really like to navigate those years again?

The Gospel then gives us Jesus' response, 'and he set himself to teach them'. We know from the previous verse that he teaches with compassion. He teaches not to show how much he knows, or to brainwash but to offer the crowd a way out of the experience of being lost. Jesus' teaching is his greatest gift, perhaps more important than his miracles. Having nourished the crowd by his teaching, Jesus nourishes with bread. Even those who are not professional teachers can experience themselves in a 'shepherding' role whenever they show someone how to do something, provided they are motivated by compassion and not arrogance; provided their teaching is genuinely educative and not an opportunity to 'put down'. The image of Jesus as the 'Good Shepherd' is a model for teachers, for parents and all who exercise Christian ministry.

Readings for next week

29 July, 2018

17th Sunday in OrdTime, Yr. B

2 Kg 4:42-44

Eph 4:1-6

John 6:1-15

PSALTER WEEK 1

Please Note: Mass at Baradine is on 27th July, Friday evening at 6.00PM for this weekend only.

| Mass Times This Week | | Rosary | Word & Faith Bible Study Group | Baptisms |
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| 23 Mon | No Mass | Tuesday 5.00PM | Wednesdays at 10AM in Coonabarabran Thursdays at 8AM & 10AM in Baradine -except School Holidays ALL WELCOME | Sundays at 11 AM Contact Parish Office for more details |
| 24 Tue | Liturgy of the Word 5.30 PM | | | |
| 25 Wed | No Mass | | | |
| 26 Thu | No Mass | | | |
| 27 Fri | Baradine 6.00 PM | | | |
| 28 Sat | No Mass | | | |
| 29 Sun | St Lawrence's 9.30 AM | | | |

| Liturgy Roster | | | Mass Intentions |
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| | Coonabarabran | | |
| | 22 July | 29 July | |
| 1 st Reading | Carmel Munns | Delwyn Mitevski | <p>Please pray for the sick of our parish community and family members.</p> <p>Cedric Hicks, Bill Redden, Malcolm Penman, Ben Robinson, Fr. Joe Dooley, Fr. Tim Cahill, Jack Shannon, Carmel Pugh (Wales), Sandra Wark, Charlie Knight, Bruce Nies, Lee Roberts, David Over, Kristin Ellery, Margaret Collins (Sutton), Helen Meldrum, Roland Soussa, Eve Crawley, Albert Markland, Paula Railz, James Campbell, Ted Mathews, Rodrigo Jaboneta (Philippines), Jess Santa Cruz (Philippines), Emma Botfield, John Estens, Bob Morrissey, Jean McWilliam & Luke Roberts.</p> |
| 2 nd Reading | Mary Milsom | Bob Sutton | |
| Commentator | Sr. Madeline | Edna Mack | |
| Collectors | H. Wuersch, L Roberts | M Milsom, N Woo | |
| Prep Gifts | St. Lawrence's School | St. Lawrence's School | |
| Ministers of Communion | | | |
| P1 | Meegan Young | Alison Walton | |
| P2 | Aileen Young | Delwyn Mitevski | |
| C1 | Annette Roach | Aileen Young | |
| C2 | Ellen Mahne | Carmel Munns | |
| C3 | John Davis | Sr. Madeline | |
| Altar Servers | Maher Family | Shannon Family | |
| Computer | Keely Milford | Kay Martin | |
| Welcomers | Ashley & Ruth Sparke | C O'Donnell, P Dillon | |

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Prayer for Rain



Heavenly Father, you made the earth and appointed us stewards to care for it and draw life from it. For your own purposes, nature has held back the rains, which the soil needs to sustain all creatures. Though we do not question your wisdom, we ask today for the return of good and generous rains, to revive our dry and dusty countryside. We thank you Lord for your generous love, which comes to us in so many ways, and we trust that you will answer this prayer. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen

Welcome and Thankyou to Fr. Brien Murphy for offering our Masses this weekend.